

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

March 12, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Jim Arnoult

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Jim Arnoult
Wally DeBord
Kevin Roman

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

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| | Presentation |
| | Proclamation/Certificate |
| | Appointment |
| | Public Hearing |
| | Historic District |
| | Consent Item |
| | Ordinance |
| | Resolution |
| | Policy Discussion |
| X | Work Session Discussion Item |
| | Other: |

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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| Hearing Date | |
| Record Held Open | |
| Policy Discussion | |

TITLE:

Briefing on City Snow Operations With Special Regard to Pedestrian Safety

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

Snow operations are a very visible and expensive service provided by the City. It is necessary for public safety and needs to be as effective and efficient as possible. Staff will provide a brief presentation to give an overview of the City's snow operations and then participate in follow questions and a discussion of current and future practices.

A tale of two storms – a comparison of the two most recent snow storms, amount of precipitation, temperatures, timing, etc. – basically every storm is different.

Organization – Statistics for the snow removal areas in the City.

Streets & Parking Lots – Pre-storm preparation, salting, plowing, and parking lots, discussion of snow plowing vs. snow removal

Sidewalks & Trails – snow removal for sidewalks and trails

Bus Stops & Bus Shelters – snow removal at bus stops and shelters.

To Curb or not to Curb – Reasons for plowing curb to curb

Where to put the snow – driveways, sidewalks, townhouses, cul-de-sacs, neo-traditional neighborhoods, etc.

Regional Coordination – COG plan, hierarchy of roads, etc.

Future Challenges – New developments and new approaches such as contracting, anti-icing, special equipment, communication with the public.

What can citizens do to help – parking, where to put the snow, when to shovel out, etc.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Hear Presentation and Discuss Current and Future Practices